



On April 18 the report came from Washington that the postmaster general had decided to make a clean sweep in the personnel of the committee that annually makes the awards for postoffice supplies under the division controlled by M. A. Louis, which division is under investigation. It was also charged that the dead letter office division will be accused of fraudulent conduct in the conduct of its business. The investigation now on foot is likely to cause considerable sensation before its close.

It is rumored that Russia is preparing to take a hand in the trouble in the Balkans and troops are being massed in readiness for such an event. It is believed that the plan is to force Turkey to settle the eastern question definitely and some reports say that Russia's plan is to drive Turkey out of Europe.

Sir Oliver Mowat, lieutenant governor of Ontario, Canada, died on April 19 at Government house, Ottawa, at the age of 83 years. He served as premier of Ontario from 1872 to 1896, in which year he resigned to become minister of justice in the Dominion cabinet. The following year he was appointed lieutenant governor of Ontario.

On April 19 United States Minister Conger at Peking reported that an attempt had been made in the district of Yutien, about 100 miles west of Peking, to reorganize the Boxer movement, but the prompt action of the viceroy suppressed it. This action of the government is meeting with favor and is looked upon as an indication that peace will be maintained.

Ricciotti Garibaldi, leader of the Italian volunteers in Greece during the war with Turkey, has organized an expedition to free Macedonia from Turkey, and it is reported that he is receiving encouragement in his efforts from all quarters of the world. South Africa has offered to raise a battalion of yeomanry and cavalry and many offers of volunteers have come to him from the United States.

It was announced from Shenandoah, Pa., on April 20, that the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron company had forced a lockout at every one of their collieries in that district because their men had refused to work the full nine hours on Sunday. This lockout affects upward of 30,000 men.

Orders were issued by the three executive boards of the united mine workers of America on April 21 from Wilkesbarre, Pa., that all mine workers now on a strike or locked out return to work pending an adjustment of differences by the board of conciliation provided for by the anthracite coal strike commission.

It was announced on April 21 that Stephen H. Mallory was elected for another term in the United States senate by the two houses of the Florida legislature in separate session, receiving all the votes in the senate and sixty-four in the house, to one cast for J. M. Toombs.

Vast coal fields in central Illinois are to pass into the control of a corporation capitalized at \$80,000,000 and the fields are to be operated in connection with the J. J. Hill system of railroads.

It was reported from Panama on April 21 that the Nicaraguan revolutionists had captured three armed lake steamers and twenty-one sailing vessels, and are also in possession of several towns. The movement seems to be spreading to an alarming extent throughout the entire country.

A passenger train near Everton, Mo., was wrecked by a defective rail on April 21. The entire train was badly damaged, five persons were killed and several injured. The accident is believed to have been the work of train wreckers.

A movement is on foot in Washington to re-establish military divisions in this country with several departments included in each. It is said that there are to be three divisions, the Atlantic, the Mississippi, and the Missouri and Pacific. Each will be in command of a major general of the army. The Atlantic division will be composed of the present department of the east, divided into two departments, the old department of the gulf to be re-established with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga. The middle division is to be composed of the present departments of the lakes, Missouri, Dakota and Texas, while the Pacific division will be composed of the departments of California, Columbia and Colorado.

On April 20 the request of the Northern Securities company that the recent decree against the combination be so far suspended as to permit the payment by the railroads of the regular May dividends to the Securities company was granted by United States Circuit Judge Sanborn at St. Paul, Minn. These dividends will amount to a little over \$4,000,000.

The ninth annual meeting of the National Municipal league was held at Detroit, Mich., on April 22, only about seventy delegates being present. Vice President C. Richardson of Philadelphia presided in the absence of President J. C. Carter of New York.

A special Associated press dispatch from Melilla, Morocco, by way of Madrid, says that Muley Mohammed, the sultan's brother, has been proclaimed emperor of Morocco at Fez.

It was reported from London on April 22 that the appointment of the Prince of Wales as president of the royal commission which is to represent Great Britain at the St. Louis exposition, will be made at the special request of King Edward. John Redmond, the Irish leader, has also been asked to become one of the members of the commission, but has declined.

A fire that broke out in the business portion of La Crosse, Wis., on April 21 caused a loss of property amounting to \$750,000.

In the municipal elections held recently in Illinois, E. N. Woodruff, republican, was elected mayor of Peoria by a majority of 2,000. In Bloomington the democrats won, electing Morrison mayor by 700 majority, he being the first democratic mayor in eighteen years elected in that city. In Joliet, William C. Crollus, democrat, defeated Mayor Barr by a majority of 150.

It was announced from Yokohama on April 23 that three Japanese war-

ships had been ordered to New Chwang, China. It is said that the Russian demands for privileges in Manchuria have excited the Japanese press, which insists on vigorous action, confident that the United States as well as Great Britain will support Japan.

In connection herewith, a cablegram from Peking, under date of April 23, says: Russia has demanded that China sign an agreement practically ceding to her the sovereignty of Manchuria and excluding other nations from that country. The Russian charge, M. Plancon, has informed Prince Ching, president of the foreign office, that no further steps in the evacuation of Manchuria will be taken until this agreement is signed.

A sensational development of the investigation of postoffice affairs at Washington took place on April 23 when Postmaster General Payne announced the summary dismissal of James N. Tyner, assistant attorney general for the postoffice department. The dismissal is made on startling charges concerning the disappearance of certain records and papers.

The recent appeal made by the trustees of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial institute in Alabama, which institution is presided over by Booker T. Washington, met with a response in the shape of a contribution of \$600,000 toward the endowment fund from Andrew Carnegie, on April 23.

It is asserted in railway circles that the sale and transfer of the Oregon Short Line trackage from Salt Lake City to Callientes will be consummated about the first of June to Senator Clark of Montana, who is already in possession of several railroad lines. It is estimated that the intention is to expend about \$50,000,000 on this line.

An Associated press cablegram from St. Petersburg, under date of April 23, says: Twenty-five Jews were killed and 275 were wounded, many of them fatally, during anti-semitic riots at Kischineff capital of Bessarabia, April 20, when a number of workmen organized an attack on the Jewish inhabitants. The minister of the interior has ordered the adoption of special measures to restore order in the town and district.

President Roosevelt left Yellowstone Park on April 24 and resumed his tour of the west. Before leaving, he participated in the laying of the cornerstone of the new gate at the northern entrance to the park.

It was announced from Berlin on April 24 that the governments of Prussia and of the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg have decided to expel the Mormon missionaries, of whom there are 145 in Germany and ninety in Prussia, on the ground that they are propagating a form of religious belief incompatible with the laws of the state and public morals and because polygamy is not excluded from their doctrines.

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